



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

**PROCLAMATION**  
**SNOW EMERGENCY FOR NORTH DAKOTA**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2004**

**WHEREAS**, on the basis of initial assessment reports from local officials, the National Weather Service, the N.D. Division of Emergency Management and the N.D. Department of Transportation, a snow emergency exists in North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, heavy snows, extremely cold temperatures, high winds and the existing blizzard conditions have been occurring with significant intensity on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, near record snowfall has occurred, yet our state is only one-half of the way through the winter season; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential exists for additional snowfall; and

**WHEREAS**, state, county and township officials are involved in heavier than normal snow removal and transportation route maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, the situation has seriously hampered livestock feeding operations, rural transportation, and increases public health and safety concerns; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I hereby proclaim a "snow emergency" for North Dakota. Pursuant to the provisions of the North Dakota Disaster Act of 1985, as amended (Chapter 37.17.1, North Dakota Century Code), which includes procedures for implementation of snow emergency measures as contained in the State Emergency Operations Plan, this proclamation, and the executive orders or regulations that may be issued to implement this proclamation shall have the force and effect of law.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State